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NATIONAL LEAGUE WORK DISCUSSED

Program for Meeting in November Considered—Secretary Speaks.

Preliminary to the annual meeting of the National Municipal League, which opens in this city November 13, a meeting of those interested was held in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of Philadelphia, secretary of the league, at the request of President Henry W. Wood, of the Chamber of Commerce, outlined the work and policy of the league. After Mr. Woodruff's talk, plans for the program were discussed, but as yet nothing definite will be done.

"The league," Mr. Woodruff explained, "is an open forum for the discussion of all phases of the municipal problem. Organized in 1894, it has since that time persistently studied the question from all viewpoints. At the present time it is considering through carefully chosen committees, police, franchises, school extensions, and many other matters, including reform in city government. The fact that the league is the leading authority on charter reform. It has just published a work on this subject.

The league's municipal program, published ten years ago, has been used by practically every charter and constitutional convention held since that time. The accounting schedules are used in more than 100 cities and by the United States government."

Good Roads Man Here. J. H. Rich, of Winston-Salem, N. C., who has been over much of the country in the interest of the good roads movement, was in the city last night. He anticipates a good attendance at the coming meeting in this city of the National Highway Association.

TRIBUTE TO LUCAS

City Officials Praise Faithful Service of Late Employee.

High tribute was paid last night in Calvary Baptist Church to the late Robert Gwathmey Lucas, for years an employee of the City Water Department, who died last month. Several city officials were present, including Engineer Bolling and Superintendent Davis, of the Water Department. Words of praise for Mr. Lucas were spoken by Rev. Ryland Knight, D. D., the pastor; R. G. Gwathmey and former Mayor Corbin McCarty.

Charters Granted.

Charters were issued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday as follows:

The Planters' Bank, Inc., of Staunton; principal office, Staunton, Va. Incorporators—John B. Cochran, president; Joseph S. Crockett, first vice-president; John G. Fulton, second vice-president; R. A. Todd, third vice-president; John Crosby, secretary and cashier—all of Staunton. Capital stock—Maximum, \$100,000. Minimum, \$50,000. Objects and purposes—operate a State bank.

Mecklenburg Guard Armory, Inc.; principal office, Chase City. Incorporators—Lucius Gregory, president; A. T. Finch, vice-president; E. E. Brames, secretary and treasurer—all of Chase City. Capital stock—None. Objects and purposes—To build and equip an armory for the Mecklenburg Guard.

Alicia Building Corporation; principal office, Alexandria. Incorporators—Paul Dulaney, president; C. H. St. John, vice-president; W. D. Turner, secretary and treasurer—all of Washington, D. C. Capital stock—Maximum, \$50,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects and purposes—To build office buildings, hotels, etc.

Robert M. Underbrake, Big Work.

Robert M. Underbrake, of the firm of Stampfer, Bagland & Co., of this city, has gone to York, Pa., to take charge of a contract in that city to erect an additional waterworks plant. This will require the employment of about 200 men, and will probably take one year to complete.



Let us give you full particulars. Gordon Metal Co. Richmond, Va.

CHILD'S WOUND PROBABLY FATAL

Five-Year-Old Alice Nunnally Accidentally Shot by Young Friend.



ALICE NUNNALLY.

Just as she was preparing to take her lifelong friend and little playmate out to help her eat an ice-cream sandwich, Alice Nunnally, the five-year-old daughter of M. D. Nunnally, 118 South Laurel Street, was yesterday afternoon accidentally shot through the head by seventeen-year-old Grace Browning in the latter's home at 707 South Laurel Street.

It was the old, old story of the "unloaded" pistol. Little Alice sat on the washstand in the bedroom of Mrs. Browning, who was lying ill at the time. She picked up the heavy .38-calibre revolver, as she and the children of the house had picked it up many times before, to examine it at the time. She was unable to press down the trigger, and Grace Browning took it from the child's hands to show her how it worked. Little Alice looked up expectantly, her golden curls clustering around her face. A sharp report sounded, and the child fell backward on the floor, blood streaming from her face. A horrified shriek escaped from the lips of Mrs. Browning, who had been ill for several days. The children in the room screamed as the little visitor lay still and silent on the floor.

Physician in House. Dr. J. Frazier Jones, who had just finished ministering to Mrs. Browning, was in the hall downstairs, about to leave, when he heard the blast of the revolver.

He rushed back upstairs and ran to the child's side. Picking her up and getting away from the horrified children and the woman ill in her bed, he made an examination and saw that the wound was serious. The big bullet had entered the child's head just above the chin and had plowed its way through until it rested at the base of the skull. The child was not unconscious, but she was unable to speak.

Dr. Jones asked that Dr. Stuart MacLean be summoned, and when the latter arrived Little Alice was placed in his automobile and rushed to the Virginia Hospital. There an operation, said to have been highly successful, was performed, and the bullet was found and removed. The child may recover, as she was doing very well last night, but the chances are said to be against her.

No blame attaches to Grace Browning, Policeman Hulcher, of the Second District, made a thorough investigation and felt assured that it was but an accidental case of shooting, in which the usual "unloaded" revolver was involved.

Share With Friend. The accident occurred at 5:30 o'clock. Alice asked her mother for 5 cents with which to buy an ice cream sandwich. Mrs. Nunnally watched the tiny figure passing wistfully, and saw her enter the home of the Brownings, where she was wont to go upon all occasions. It was her habit when she bought things for her pleasures. Calls did not know whether she could go to a nearby confectionery, and Alice said she would go upstairs and ask Callie's mother, as she had a nickel to spend and to share. She walked into Mrs. Browning's room as one of Mrs. Browning's own children, and saw the pistol on the washstand. In a few minutes she was lying on the floor with a bullet wound in her head.

The pistol had been in the possession of Mr. Browning for years, and had never been used. He had been reading all the stories on the Beattie murder recently, and had decided that an unloaded pistol was useless in case of emergency. So last Sunday morning he told his eldest son, Edward, to load the revolver. The pistol was cleaned and loaded and left in its usual place. But no one thought to tell the children that their former plaything was now an instrument of danger, and it was picked up and handled idly, as had been the case a thousand times before.

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The Nunnallys were making ready to move yesterday, and to-day expect to move to Barton Heights to make their future home. Both families have been lifelong friends, and the Brownings were as much grieved over the accident as the parents of the little victim. The Nunnallys have another child, Cardie, ten years old.

COLLEGE CHARTER SOLUTION FAR OFF

Randolph-Macon Question Goes Back to Methodist Conferences and Trustees.

COMMITTEES DEADLOCKED

Unable to Agree Upon Single Point, They Give Up the Task and Adjourn.

Falling to agree upon a single point, and with the opposing factions as far apart as they were a year ago, the joint meeting of committees from the board of trustees of the Randolph-Macon system and the Virginia and Baltimore Methodist Conferences adjourned since die yesterday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock after three lengthy sessions, and practically gave up hope of changing the college charter so as to bring the chain of schools under the domination of the church. The matter remains where it has stood since the beginning of the fight. It caused a turmoil here last autumn in the Virginia Conference. The only tangible result of yesterday's meeting was the adoption of a resolution referring the question back to the trustees and to the conference.

Headed by Rev. James Cannon, D. D., the element desiring that the college be placed within the control of the church, introduced several resolutions, all of which were immediately voted down by the opposition. Propositions submitted by the trustees met with the same fate at the hands of the other side. The deadlock was absolute, and no effort to break it and reach an amicable agreement was availing.

Will Come Up Again. It had been thought that the best method of bringing about a policy of placing the colleges under the discipline of the Methodist Conferences was by submitting it to committees representing the trustees and the two conferences. Consequently this was done. But the effort apparently has hopelessly failed, and the question will again be one of the utmost interest and importance when the conference meets November 15 in Salisbury, Md.

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It is the plea of a faction of the conference, that which is lead by Cannon, to have the school acknowledge itself as an institution under the control of the church. The stand of the trustees is that the nominal board remain only semi-independent, and that many endowments have been received from members of other churches, one school receiving practically all of its money from Catholics with an agreement that should be kept under the control of a self-perpetuating board.

Though the trustees are members of the Methodist clergy and Methodist laity, they do not feel that they have the right to go against the wishes of the founders of the institutions. And the trustees have decided the perpetuating board, and there seems little probability that the present attitude will ever be changed.

FALL BREAKS HIS BACK

Louisa Farmer Brought to Richmond With Fatal Injuries.

William Lynan, forty-five years old, a farmer of Louisa county, was brought to the Memorial Hospital yesterday morning suffering from a broken back. It was at once apparent to surgeons that he was fatally injured, and they ordered that he be removed home at once. It was said that he could not live, and that it would be useless to operate.

Lynan, it is understood, was aiding a neighbor in repairing the roof of a barn. Stepping on a saw, he slipped, lost his balance, and fell to the ground.

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TAKES HIS LIFE WITH REVOLVER

Unknown Suicide First Removes All Marks of His Identity.

DEED COMMITTED IN PARK

Self-Destruction Deliberately Planned by Middle-Aged Cripple.

First carefully removing a label from his hat which might lead to his identification, an unknown white man placed a small .22 calibre revolver back of his right ear in Reservoir Park at 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and obliterated himself from existence.

The shot was heard by Assistant Parkkeeper Seay, who was standing about ninety yards away from the benches on the roadside to the south of the lake. A buggy containing two women, evidently out for an evening's airing, had just passed him, and he ran up behind to see if accident had befallen them, or whether it was something worse. But a smoking revolver at the foot of one of the benches in the shadow of a tree and the half-reclining figure of a man's lifeless form told him the story, and he went no further. The buggy had passed and rattled on in the distance.

Was Carefully Planned. The unknown had been deliberate. He had been hanging about the park all day, and in the morning questioned one of the men engaged around the merry-go-round, asking him who was the man in charge. Others saw him, too; but there was nothing in his appearance then to attract particular attention, and they paid him no more heed. He took his seat on one of the benches where a casual passer-by would not have observed him too closely, and fired the shot which he supposed ended all the trouble he had, whatever they may have been.

Keeper Seay saw at a glance that the man was dead. Blood flowed from a small wound behind his right ear, and his body had fallen forward on the bench. Seay notified the Second District of the suicide, and asked for help. Bicycle Policemen Thurman and Reed were dispatched to the park, and, after notifying Coroner Taylor, they returned to the station and made out a report of an unknown suicide.

No Sign of Identity. The man was dressed in a neat black suit, and wore a dark tie, with red flowers in it, a purple striped black shirt, a black slouch hat, and low black shoes. His clothes were minutely examined by Coroner Taylor, but there was no sign of mark, by which the suicide could be identified. From inside the hat a portion of the band had been cut away and destroyed, and it is supposed that he had on his suit the name of Henry Oppenheimer, tailor, of Baltimore. The proper authorities will ask the Baltimore authorities to aid them in identifying the man.

He was a man of apparently forty-two or forty-five years. He had black hair, streaked with gray, and a sandy mustache. He was about five feet eight inches tall, and of about 150 pounds weight. From his appearance small means, probably a laborer. A stick found by his side indicated that he was partially a cripple, and those who had seen him walking about during the day had noticed that he limped.

The body was turned over to Undertaker Bennett, 601 West Broad Street, where it will be held for several days awaiting identification.

Crenshaw Spent \$60.

William A. Crenshaw, an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Delegates from the city of Richmond, yesterday filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth a statement showing expenses in the campaign amounting to \$60.

B. Bowman, of Shenandoah, the Republican candidate for the House, filed a statement showing that it had cost him nothing to be renominated.

Accused of Shooting. Lewis Morton, probably a fugitive, was arrested yesterday in Henrico county. He was charged with a warrant charging that he shot George Morris, colored, on August 25. He was locked up in the county jail. Lewis Harris, a negro, who was recently fined for a minor offense, is believed by the police to be implicated in the alleged shooting.

Go to Detroit Meeting. Chief Deputy Thomas P. Eany and Deputy Collector M. M. Stoddard left yesterday for Detroit, Mich., to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Internal Revenue Officers, which takes place there next week.

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GORDON IS MADE SERGEANT-MAJOR

Young Richmond Engineer Accepts Office With Field Artillery.

Announcement was made yesterday by Major T. M. Wortham, commanding the First Battalion, Field Artillery, Virginia Volunteers, of the appointment of Thomas Croxton Gordon, of this city, to be battalion sergeant-major. The warrant dates from yesterday.

Mr. Gordon is an honor graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, and was a cadet captain in the class of 1904. Few cadets entering in the third class, as he did, attain such distinction. Mr. Gordon has followed the profession of mechanical engineering. Therefore by education and experience he is regarded as exceptionally well qualified to perform the duties of sergeant-major, which are among the most technical in military service.

This appointment is made to fill a vacancy due to the recent promotion of W. W. LaRade to the office of battalion quartermaster, with the rank of first lieutenant. The officers of the battalion feel that it is a matter for congratulation that such men are attached to its staff.

HEAR SEWER CLAIM

Subcommittee to Adjust Payment on West Street Sewer Today.

A meeting of a subcommittee from the Council Committee on Streets has been called for this afternoon to consider claims of Burton & Driscoll, contractors, growing out of construction of the West street sewer. The subcommittee consists of Aldermen Gunst and Councilmen Haddon and Ferguson.

Burton & Driscoll obtained the contract for the West Street sewer, an important drain for a large section of the city, under a partnership. Later Mr. Driscoll sold his interest in the contract to Mr. Burton. Owing to the extremely level nature of the country, and the comparatively slight fall, the work had to be done with great care to secure proper drainage. The City Engineer Bolling frequently took occasion to make complaints of slow work and apparently unnecessary delays. The work was completed many months behind contract specifications.

LOSES HIS LICENSE

Chauffeur W. H. Martin Convicted of Operating Taxicab While Drunk.

W. H. Martin, a chauffeur, was fined \$30 in Police Court yesterday morning and had his license revoked on a charge of running his taxicab, while in a drunken condition, into a wagon near Seventeenth and Franklin Streets yesterday morning and knocking a wheel off it. Martin had three passengers with him—T. H. Pleas, a chauffeur, and Dorris Brantwich, accused of shooting and seriously wounding Steve Perry, employed at the Gayton Mines, were both held for grand jury yesterday by Magistrate J. M. Henry in Henrico county. The man and woman were sent back to jail.

Three children of the accused parent—Paul, aged seven, Jimmie, aged four, and Josephine, aged two—are also being held in jail. This became necessary because they were one to care for them, as the mother was being held in county almshouse to-day. The woman is in afternoon.

POLICE COURT CASES

Gov. Hayes and Aaron Rudy Will Be Heard Saturday Morning on Assault Charge. The case of Governor Hayes and Aaron Rudy, charged with assaulting John Grayson with a rock, was continued to Saturday morning in Police Court yesterday.

Lewis Giles, colored, was sent on to the grand jury on a charge of stabbing Lela Evans with a knife. R. D. Cshaw was fined \$100 and placed under \$1000 surety for twelve months for totting a pistol. In the case of Arthur Stewart, charged with the murder of Samuel Richardson, both colored, examination was held, and the case was certified to the next term of the Henrico County Court.

John Criss, colored, forked up ten plunks for beating his faithful, Lou Wren. Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of the United States Court for Eastern Virginia, left yesterday afternoon for Norfolk, where he will spend two days hearing cases in admiralty. The autumn term of the district and circuit courts will open in Richmond the first Monday in October.

Exhibitors to Meet. Exhibitors subscribing to the manufacturers' exhibit will meet next Tuesday night for the purpose of formulating definite plans for a permanent place for the exhibit and rules for organization. The time and place of the meeting will be decided upon later.

BEATTIE NOT YET BROUGHT TO TOWN

Well and Hopeful, Condemned Man Stays in Chesterfield Jail.

According to Clerk Philip V. Cogbill, of Chesterfield county, no order has yet been received there for the removal of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., convicted of murdering his wife, to either the Henrico county or the Richmond city jail. Judge Watson, who presided at the trial, stated at its conclusion that he would enter an order removing Beattie to one of the other jails, but he has not yet taken such a step. Beattie is still well, and apparently in a hopeful frame of mind. His condition is not to change, despite the cloud which hangs about him. He was visited yesterday afternoon by his father, who remained with him about an hour.

PREPARE PROGRAM FOR CONVENTION

Officials of Deeper Waterways Association Spend Day in Richmond.

President J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia; George F. Sproule, secretary, Commissioners of Navigation for Pennsylvania; H. F. Stetser, Camden, N. J., chairman of the hospitality committee, and Horace G. Reeder, Bordentown, N. J., all of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, were in the city yesterday making arrangements for the fourth annual convention, which will be in session here October 17 to 20. A conference was held with Vice-President T. M. Carrington and other members of the Chamber of Commerce and to the program, which will be announced in a few days. The visitors came through Washington, where they called on the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and at the War and Navy Departments.

The committee wants Secretary Nagel to address the convention, and though his acceptance has not yet been secured, it is expected that he will come. Already assurances have been received from Governors Wilson, of New Jersey, and of Pennsylvania; Crothers, of Maryland; Mead, of Vermont; Pothier, of Rhode Island, and Governor William Hodges Mann, of this State.

Many Visitors Coming. About 50 delegates are expected to come to this city from Philadelphia, New York and other Northern points. They are scheduled to meet the Southern delegates at Old Point the day before the convention opens and come to this city by rail. An ocean-going steamship has been chartered by the New York delegation from that city to Hampton Roads.

The association yesterday issued its monthly bulletin, which was practically devoted to the convention. The front cover page of the pamphlet is decorated with a picture of Mayor D. C. Richardson, and it contains many facts about Richmond, historical and otherwise, for the information of those who intend to visit the city. Also, it indicates that the attendance here will be the largest since the organization of the association. The foreword is written by President Moore, who outlines the purposes of the association, its accomplishments, and what is expected in the future. There also is a printed list of committeemen who will have charge of the local end of the convention.

SENT TO GRAND JURY

Hannifich and Wife Must Answer to Charge of Shooting Steve Perry. Joseph Hannifich and his wife, Dorris Brantwich, accused of shooting and seriously wounding Steve Perry, employed at the Gayton Mines, were both held for grand jury yesterday by Magistrate J. M. Henry in Henrico county. The man and woman were sent back to jail. Three children of the accused parent—Paul, aged seven, Jimmie, aged four, and Josephine, aged two—are also being held in jail. This became necessary because they were one to care for them, as the mother was being held in county almshouse to-day. The woman is in afternoon.

Gas Makers Want Increase.

Increase of wages for a number of employees of the Gas Works was informally discussed yesterday afternoon by a subcommittee of the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform. Desiring to have a larger attendance, no action was taken until another meeting to be held next Monday afternoon.

Superintendent Knowles stated that while the pay of some men had increased, there were others who had received no increase in many years, and he advocated that all be brought up to the same standard. The annual cost to the city of the increase proposed, he said, would not exceed \$2,200.

Two Bankruptcy Petitions. Paul Cobble, farmer of South Hill, Mecklenburg county, yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court. His liabilities aggregate \$7,500, while his assets are \$50.

A similar petition was also filed by Warren P. Scott, a merchant of Richmond. His liabilities aggregate \$2,902.25, while he claims assets of \$102.

At a special meeting yesterday the Board of Supervisors of Henrico county awarded contracts to the Henrico school board for the ensuing year to the public schools, almshouse, courthouse and jail.

Close Station A Earlier. Beginning to-morrow night and continuing until October 1, of the Richmond Postoffice will close at 7 o'clock instead of 8. This change has been ordered by Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., on account of the discontinuance of the train on the train No. 50, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, which leaves Ellis Station at 5:20 P. M.

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